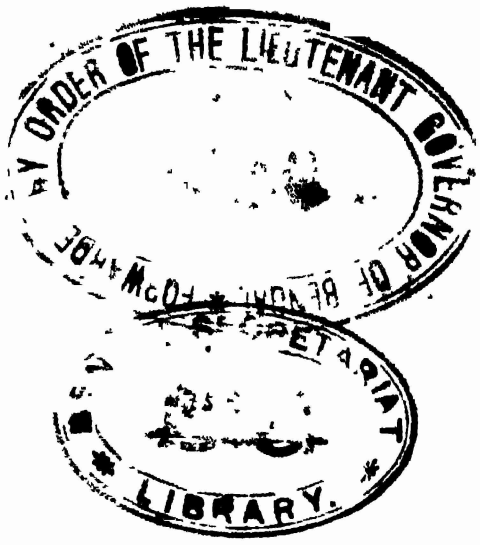

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TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

Dated Calcutta, the 10th May 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the result of civil litigation in which Government was engaged during the year 1891-92.

2. There were two appeal cases pending in Her Majesty's Privy Council on the 31st of March 1891, viz.—(1) the appeal case of the Secretary of State for India in Council *versus* Asman Singh and others, and (2) Omrao Begum and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council. The Solicitor to the India Office reports that their Lordships of the Privy Council have delivered judgment on the 11th March 1892, dismissing the appeal of Omrao Begum and affirming the decree of the High Court: but copies of judgment and decree have not yet been received. In the first case, although I got no intimation from the Solicitor at home, I have just received from the High Court a copy of the judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council showing that their Lordships have dismissed the appeal of the Secretary of State for India in Council on the 6th of February 1892. The appeal case of Maharani Sarat Sundari Debi *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council, which was remanded by the Privy Council, to the Court of the first instance, for the trial of certain issues, has just come back to the High Court, and the papers are being printed for despatch to England.

3. During the year under review only one appeal has been admitted by Her Majesty's Privy Council. The purport of the case is as follows:—One Dukshina Mohun Rai Chowdhry, a co-sharer zamindar of the Tepa Estate in the district of Rangpur (which estate has only recently come under the Court of Wards), brought a contribution suit against the minor and his uncle, Babu Saroda Mohun Rai Chowdhry, and obtained a decree. On appeal, the lower Court's judgment was reversed, and the appellant prayed for permission to appeal to England; but the prayer was rejected. The appellant then made a motion to the Privy Council against the High Court's order, and the Privy Council has ordered the appellant to prosecute his appeal before that tribunal; and orders have been passed by the High Court for service of notice on the respondents, and for preparation of the paper book on the 27th of March 1892.

4. The result of civil litigation in all the Courts of Bengal in which Government was a party during the year 1891-92, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Government ...	348	311	280
Decided against Government ...	58	75	96
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	48	59	135
Percentage in favour of Government ...	85¼	80 7/19	74⅓

5. Of the 96 cases shown as decided against Government during the year, 13 were in the High Court, 7 in the lower appellate Courts, and 76 in the Courts of first instance. Of these 76 cases, 39 were land acquisition cases referred to District Judges under section 15 of the Land Acquisition Act, and in which the Collectors' awards were slightly varied. Of the 135 cases shown as compromised, remanded, or withdrawn, 114 were land acquisition cases in which the claimants having accepted the Collector's offer at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, the references were withdrawn.

6. The following is the result of Government litigation in the High Court during the year 1891-92 as compared with that of the two previous years:—

		1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Government	...	50	23	10
Decided against Government	...	1	3	13
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	5	1	7
Percentage in favour of Government	...	98⅓	88 5/13	43½

7. The percentage of favourable cases is very low as contrasted with that of the two preceding years. Of the 10 cases decided in favour, in 3 Government was appellant and in 7 respondent, and of the 13 cases decided against us, Government was appellant in 3 cases and respondent in 10; of these 13 cases, 3 were for compensation, 4 for recovery of penalty duty on excess wastage of salt, and were governed by one decision, and 3 for recovery of surplus sale proceeds, also governed by one decision. The particulars of these cases are given below.

8. This was a case brought under the orders of Government in the Public Works Department for declaring forfeiture of a lease owing to breach of covenant against subletting. The lease had been drawn in the English form by the Government Solicitor, and in his opinion a forfeiture had been incurred. The Sub-Judge gave Government a decree, but this was set aside by the High Court (O'Kinealy and Amir Ali, JJ.), because the lessee had not sublet the whole of the premises, but still kept a part in his own possession.

No. 166 of 1890.
Elias Abraham Cohen, defendant, appellant,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council, plaintiff, respondent.

9. These appeals arose out of certain proceedings taken under the provisions of Act X of 1870 for the acquisition of lands for public purposes within the town of Calcutta. The parties interested being dissatisfied with the award made by the Collector and the Judge, appealed to the High Court, and the appellate Court modified the decrees of the lower Courts, and awarded the claimants a larger amount of compensation than had been allowed by the Judge.

No. 18 of 1890.
Adyato Churn Mondol and others
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.
No. 39 of 1890.
Dwarka Nath Bysakh
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.
No. 320 of 1890.
Nobin Chand Boral and others
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

10. These four special appeals were out of a lot of 17 cases brought by Government in the Munsif's Court at Balasore for recovery of penalty on a bond taken under the Salt Act. The local Courts had decreed all the cases, but the High Court (Tottenham and Trevelyan, JJ.) dismissed all the suits on the ground that there had been no proper adjudication of the penalty, such as the terms of the bond required.

S. A. Nos. 733, 735, 736 and 737 of 1890.
Rajah Baikunto Nath Dey and others, defendants, appellants,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council, plaintiff, respondent.

11. In this case the High Court, on second appeal, affirmed the District Judge's decision, making the Eastern Bengal State Railway Administration liable for certain coins and notes said to have been despatched from Dacca, although no insurance fee was paid on the same, and

No. 753 of 1891.
The Secretary of State for India in Council
versus
Boodhunath Poddar.

the clerk who received them under the Railway Rules had no authority to accept such insurable articles. This case was referred to in paragraph 8 of my Report for 1890-91.

No. 913 of 1890.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant,

versus

Guru Prosad Dhur, plaintiff, respondent.

No. 1161 of 1890.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant,

versus

Rambulluv Dass Chowdhury, plaintiff, respondent.

No. 1001 of 1890.

Syud Abdul Bari and others, plaintiffs, appellants,

versus

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, respondent.

12. The question for decision in these cases was one of limitation with regard to refund of surplus sale proceeds.

13. The cases came on for hearing before a Division Bench, and the matter was referred to a Full Bench. The Chief Justice and Messrs. Prinsep, Tottenham, Pigot, and Ghose, JJ., held that article 62, schedule 2 (money had and received), did not apply; that the judgment of Tottenham and Trevelyan, JJ., in the case of Fuzl Ali and another *versus* Government, was wrong, and that article 120 of the Limitation Act applies.

Appeal from order No. 251 of 1891.

Mr. Thomas Brae, defendant, appellant,

versus

The Secretary of State for India in Council, plaintiff, respondent.

14. This was an unimportant matter connected with execution proceedings against a Government debtor, where an unjustifiable order of the Subordinate Judge of Jessore was set aside by the High Court.

15. The result of Government litigation in the lower appellate Courts during the year 1891-92, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

		1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Government	...	44	45	32
Decided against Government	...	6	7	7
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	4	1	3
Percentage in favour of Government	...	88	86 1/13	82

Of the seven cases decided against Government in the lower appellate Courts, in four Government was appellant, and in three it was respondent. None of these cases call for special notice.

16. In the Courts of first instance the result of civil litigation in which Government was concerned during the year 1891-92, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

		1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Government	...	254	243	238
Decided against Government	...	51	65	76
Compromised or withdrawn	...	39	57	125
Percentage in favour of Government	...	83	78 6/7	75 1/2

17. Leaving aside the land acquisition cases, the result would be as follows:—

		1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Government	...	110	110	95
Decided against Government	...	25	33	37
Compromised or withdrawn	...	9	10	11
Percentage in favour of Government	...	81 1/2	76 1/2 1/2	72

18. Of these 37 cases shown as decided against Government, in 8 Government was plaintiff, and in the rest it was sued as defendant. A good many of these cases were brought to recover damages against the Eastern Bengal State Railway for loss sustained in non-delivery or short delivery of goods sent by railway. No special circumstances exist in any of the cases which call for particular notice.

19. The result of litigation in which the Court of Wards was concerned, in all the Courts of Bengal, during the year 1891-92, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

		1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	604	711	903
Decided against Court of Wards	...	62	97	139
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	54	30	76
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	90 3/4	88	86 4/5

20. Although several statements have not been received, yet the number of cases decided during the year is very large in comparison with those of the two previous years. This is chiefly owing to large institution of rent-suits on behalf of the Burdwan Raj estate in the districts of Burdwan and Hooghly.

21. The result of Wards' litigation in the High Court during the year under report, as compared with those of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	14	15	11
Decided against Court of Wards ...	...	6	4
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	2	3	2
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	100	71$\frac{1}{7}$	73$\frac{3}{4}$

22. Of the four appeal cases decided against the Court of Wards, in one the Court of Wards was appellant, and in the remaining three respondent.

23. The following statement shows the result of Wards' litigation in the lower appellate Courts during the year 1891-92, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards ...	56	68	45
Decided against Court of Wards ...	13	16	18
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	10	6	8
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	81$\frac{1}{3}$	81	71$\frac{3}{7}$

24. In 13 out of the 18 cases the Court of Wards was appellant, and in the rest it was respondent. Five of these appeals were conducted with the sanction and advice of this office, and the rest were conducted by the managers with the advice of the local officers, all of which were rent-suits and settlement appeals.

25. The following is the result of litigation in the Courts of first instance in which the Court of Wards was a party during the year 1891-92, as compared with that of the two preceding years:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	514	628	847
Decided against Court of Wards ...	49	75	117
Compromised or withdrawn ...	42	21	66
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	91$\frac{1}{3}$	89$\frac{1}{3}$	89$\frac{9}{10}$

26. Out of the 117 cases shown as decided against the Court of Wards, 87 were rent-suits, viz., 68 on behalf of the minors, and 19 against them, for recovery of arrears of rent; 104 cases were not reported to this office. Only one of these cases seems to be of any importance. It was a case brought by one Kameshur Prosad against Raja Bhimon Narayan and the Deo Raj Estate, in the district of Gaya, for recovery of Rs. 32,106, on the basis of a *wasil bakee* signed by the Raja and the Deo Raj. The Court of Wards pleaded want of jurisdiction under the Chota Nagpur Encumbered Estates Act. The case was, however, decided in favour of the plaintiff, subject to the provisions of the Chota Nagpur Act. Against this decision both the parties have appealed.

27. The following table shows the amount of Government decrees recovered during the year 1891-92, as well as that of the two preceding years, given in juxta position:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	... 55,247	61,231	64,248
Amount realized during the year	... 11,659	14,790	30,333
Percentage of recovery ...	... 21$\frac{1}{9}$	24$\frac{3}{5}$	45$\frac{1}{4}$

28. The realization during the year is much better than in any of the two preceding years. The largest outstanding balances are in the following districts:—

Bankura, Rs. 5,866. Out of this sum upwards of Rs 5,400 are due from one Ashutosh Ghose; but by Government order No. 443J, dated 30th January 1892, communicated to the Commissioner of the Burdwan Division, the execution proceedings against the debtor were stopped. The balance will therefore have to be written off as irrecoverable. Bhágalpur, Rs. 5,334, including interest and cost, were decreed during the year in a single case, and half the amount has been

realized from one shareholder. The other half is in course of realization from the other shareholder.

29. The amount of Wards' decrees recovered during the year under report, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	11,74,880	11,92,016	10,95,704
Amount realized during the year ...	2,15,720	1,54,504	2,30,997
Percentage of recovery ...	18½	13	21 1/3

30. The percentage of recovery is little better than that of the two preceding years. The largest outstanding balances are due from the following estates, viz.:—

Burdwan—

	Rs.
Burdwan Raj Estate	2,26,571

Out of this sum upwards of a lakh of rupees were decreed during the year under report, and in a majority of cases no execution was taken out. In a good many cases the debtors have deposited their dues in Court, and applications have been made for the withdrawal of the money. Although so much as Rs. 80,892 were remitted during the year, a large amount is said to be still irrecoverable, and will have to be remitted. In fact the old outstanding balance has been greatly reduced by remission and realization of old decrees.

Gaya—

	Rs.
Tikari Estate	1,62,023

Out of this amount upwards of Rs. 41,000 are said to be irrecoverable, and will be soon reported for remission. In a good many cases the debtors are said to have no property, and the realization of outstanding decrees in those cases seems to be doubtful. For Rs. 35,762 execution has been taken out, and the amount is expected to be realized shortly, and in the rest no execution could be taken out for want of assets.

Rajshahi—

	Rs.
Dighaputia Estate—	
Eldest ward	16,893
Three younger wards	1,01,487
	1,18,380

Out of this amount upwards of Rs. 50,000 are said to be bad and irrecoverable and will have to be remitted, and steps are being taken for the realization of the remainder.

Shahabad—

	Rs.
Deo Kumar and Dhurm Kumar's Estate ...	45,458

The whole amount will have to be remitted, the debtors being possessed of no property.

Backergunge—

	Rs.
Dakhin Shahbázpur Estate	26,469

Out of this amount Rs. 22,812 are due from Basaruddi Munshi and Ram Nath Sircar, and it is said that whatever property they had has been sold, and it is feared this amount will have to be remitted. The remainder is under realization.

24-Parganas—

	Rs.
Bhawánipur Estate	23,723

Out of this amount Rs. 9,656 are under appeal, Rs. 778 deposited in Court but not yet withdrawn, Rs. 2,883 will have to be remitted, and the rest under process of recovery.

Patna—

	Rs.
Sukhraj Rai's Estate	39,275

No proper explanation has been offered for the non-realization of this large outstanding balance. It is simply stated that some decrees are under execution, and in some not. I have called on the Manager to submit full explanation for the non-realization of the decrees during the year.

Balasore—	Rs.
Shahabunder Estate	22,697

Out of this amount Rs. 15,267 could not be realized, as the debtors have preferred appeals to the High Court. Rs. 2,697 will have to be remitted, as the Court of Wards purchased the debtor's property at auction sale.

31. There was no change in the office of the District Government Pleaders during the year under report.

32. My report on the character and qualifications of each Government Pleader, based on the opinions of Magistrates and Collectors and District Judges, will be submitted to Government in a separate letter.

33. The office was in my charge during the whole of the year, with exception of three months, 14th July 1891 to 20th October 1891, when Mr. Garrett officiated.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. T. ALLEN,

Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.				Pending.	
		Favourable.		Unfavourable.		Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	
	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.									
High Court ...	18	5	348	...	...	...	.	5	775
Zillah appeals ...	6	6	384	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	9	4	476	1	5,500	...	...	4	91
Total ...	25	15	1,208	1	5,500	...	...	9	866
(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	1	1	250	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	3	1	25	1	100	...	...	1	76
Total ...	4	2	275	1	100	...	...	1	76
(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	4	1	99	...	...	2	90	1	45
Original suits ..	1	...	...	1	20	...	...	..	..
Total ...	5	1	99	1	20	2	90	1	45
(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.									
High Court ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	5	1	7,885	...	...	1	263	3	246
Total .	5	1	7,885	...	...	1	263	3	246
(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .
Original suits ...	1		...	1	50	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1	...	...	1	50	...	...	..	...
(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pension, fees, &c., &c.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Zillah appeals ...	1	. .	...	..	...	...	...	1	244
Original suits ...	5	4	721	1	3,699	..	...	...	...
Total ...	6	4	721	1	3,699	...	...	1	244
(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realised, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demands.									
High Court	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	74
Zillah appeals ..	19	1	87	1	100	...	...	17	310
Original suits ...	10	2	77	2	243	1	33	5	118
Total ...	31	4	164	3	343	1	33	23	502
(9) Suits for wasilat, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account or value of property or purchase-money.									
High Court	8	1	3,069		2,740	...	...	4	2,908
Zillah appeals ...	5	4	3,111	...	.....	...	...	1	120
Original suits ...	41	19	27,417	6	4,158	2	491	14	5,722
Total ...	54	24	34,617	9	6,898	2	491	19	8,750
(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.									
High Court	25	1	91	...	...	4	49,280	20	50,360
Zillah appeals ..	18	11	7,047	1	100	1	3,000	5	5,209
Original suits ..	125	25	29,384	8	3,205	3	13,106	89	4,80,762
Total	168	37	36,522	9	3,305	8	65,386	114	5,36,331
(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro formâ*.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .
(12) Probate cases.									
High Court ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
Total ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.		Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.		Pending.	
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.				
(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.							
	No.	No.	Value.	No.	Value	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs
High Court	5	1	240	...	..	2	700	2	14,000
Zillah appeals ...	4	1	400	1	2,479	...	...	2	970
Original suits ...	24	10	30,313	2	30,929	.	...	12	66,970
Total ...	33	12	39,953	3	33,408	2	700	16	81,940
(3) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.									
High Court ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	500
Zillah appeals ...	3	2	840	1	4,000	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	12	7	6,023	...	...	...	...	5	792
Total ...	16	9	6,863	1	4,000	...	...	6	1,292
(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	1	1	1,389	...	..	...	...	..	...
Total ...	1	1	1,389	...	..	...	...	.	...
(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land or moveable property attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
Zillah appeals ...	1	1	104	...	...	...	...	...	..
Original suits ...	6	2	78	1	60	1	150	2	676
Total ...	7	3	182	1	60	1	150	2	676
(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over which the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	..	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	. .	...	...	..	...	...	.
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales, or regarding confirmation or quashing of but warrahs or the imposition of fines.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	1	1	1,005	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1	1	1,005	...	...	...	...	...	...
(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.									
High Court	2	...	...	1	4,292	...	..	1	919
Zillah appeals .	4	2	2,650	1	94	..	...	1	1,000
Original suits ...	17	4	6,117	5	2,620	2	300	6	9,391
Total ...	23	6	8,767	7	7,006	2	300	8	11,310

C.

Cases in which Government is plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.		Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.		Pending.	
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.				
	No.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or levy enhanced assessment.							
High Court ..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Zillah appeals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
Total	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.							
High Court ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits	..	...	..	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.							
High Court ..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..
Zillah appeals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contracts.							
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals	...	1	...	...	...	1	140
Original suits	..	11	...	...	...	11	19,175
Tota	...	12	...	...	...	12	19,315
(6) Suits for possession of land, or for recovery of debt, or for damages.							
High Court ..	...	3	1	1,500	2	10,800	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals	...	7	2	3,041	2	330	...	...	3	1,478
Original suits	..	34	14	3,578	8	20,497	1	2,150	11	20,803
Total	...	44	17	8,119	12	31,627	1	2,150	14	22,281
(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.										
High Court ..	...	4	...	...	4	2,915	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	4	...	..	4	2,915	...	...	...	...
(8) Land Acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.										
High Court	...	6	...	...	3	56,560	1	8,800	2	12,161
Zillah appeals	...	.	. .	...	...	...	.	...	...	..
Original suits	...	571	143	2,27,194	39	1,22,913	114	5,67,735	275	8,79,485
Total	...	577	143	2,27,194	42	1,79,473	115	5,76,535	277	8,91,646
(9) Interpleader suits under section 470, Act XIV of 1882.										
High Court	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
(10) Cases under section 537 of the Civil Procedure Code.										
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1891-92.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.								
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.								
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.			In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.		Remanded.				
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1891.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1892.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1891.	Number of appeals instituted from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.	Total.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1892.	Number of cases in which Government was cast twice.	REMARKS.
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	24	66	3	7	3	10	...	...	4	1	...	2	30	36	3	
Bankura ...	(a)2	1	3	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	..	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Burdwan ...	12	58	70	26	3	6	1	2	...	25	...	63	7	2	1	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	
Birbhum ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Hooghly ...	(a)5	6	11	3	3	...	...	..	...	...	...	6	5	...	2	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
Midnapore ...	5	18	23	9	5	...	3	...	1	...	...	18	5	...	4	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	4	...	...	
Jessore ...	2	2	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Khulna ...	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Murshidabad ...	1	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	
Nadia ...	3	2	5	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	4	1	2	2	4	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	
24-Parganas ...	90	366	456	69	7	24	3	1	2	87	...	193	263	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Bogra	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Dinajpur	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Pabna	20	15	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	1	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Rajshahi	1	3	4	...	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Rangpur	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Darjeeling	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Jalpaiguri ...	...	8	8	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Backergunge ...	3	2	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Dacca	6	79	85	45	1	8	2	...	1	...	...	57	28	2	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	
Faridpur	5	4	9	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	6	3	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	
Mymensingh ...	12	6	18	...	8	...	4	...	...	...	...	12	6	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Chittagong ...	17	39	56	1	27	...	9	...	1	...	...	38	18	9	11	20	5	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	16	4	...	
Noakhali ...	(a)1	4	5	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Tippera	16	6	22	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Champaran ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	... (d)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Darbhanga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Gaya	4	...	4	...	1	...	1	..	2	...	...	4	...	... (e)	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
Muzaffarpur ...	...	6	6	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	
Patna	4	5	9	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Saran	2	11	13	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	11	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Shahabad	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	
Bhágalpur ...	Statement not received though repeatedly reminded.																													
Malda	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Monghyr	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Purnea	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sonthal Parganas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Balasore	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Puri	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hazaribágh ...	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	... (f)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lohardaga	(b)1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Manbhum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Singhbhum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Palámau ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	217	609	877	157	81	39	37	3	10	112	..	430	438	70	70	140	9	33	7	15	...	...	4	1	...	5	72	68	7	

(a) The discrepancy of one case is owing to Government not appearing in it
(b) The difference is owing to an appeal case having been inadvertently shewn among the original cases.
(c) This case has been brought on the file of the High Court by transfer.
(d) There were 2 cases shewn as pending in this district at the close of last year; they have been shewn in Muzaffarpur this year.
(e) The difference is owing to 2 cases of Darbhanga being shewn in this district.
(f) This case was shewn among the original cases in the last year's statement—See remark (b).

E.

Statement shewing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department, from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of receipts.				Nature of disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan	380	...	...	380	...	299	28	...	...	327
	Bankura	217	...	..	217	27	. .	...	...	133	160
	Birbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	22	22
	Midnapore	555	...	...	555	154	85	157	...	236	632
	Hooghly	1,432	...	...	1,432	92	242	55	...	...	389
Presidency	24-Parganas	6,168	...	...	6,168	1,674	1,293	633	...	107	3,707
	Khulna	187	...	...	187	...	...	54	...	120	174
	Nadia	...	...	..	...	...	...	136	...	77	213
	Jessore	75	..	75	150	...	96	...	...	110	206
	Murshidabad	2,100	...	...	2,100	1,792	226	686	...	2	2,706
Rajshahi ..	Dinajpur	...	...	...	...	...	. .	6	...	...	6
	Rajshahi	...	...	...	...	238	...	.	...	6	244
	Rangpur	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
	Bogra	.	...	...	...	...			...	...	. .
	Pabna	988	...	...	988	...	90	194	...	14	298
	Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12
	Julpaiguri	83	...	...	83	...	...	...	. .	15	15
Dacca ...	Dacca	571	...	245	816	1,010	...	137	..	...	1,147
	Faridpur	104	...	...	104	2,486	257	315	4,732	128	7,918
	Backergunge	35	...	...	35	...	...	282	...	107	389
	Mymensingh	2,214	...	...	2,214	...	126	408	...	841	1,375
Chittagong	Tippera	4,650	...	16	4,666	...	...	677	...	13	690
	Noakhali	836	...	...	836	71	78	190	...	10	355
	Chittagong	2,844	...	...	2,844	149	126	2,985	...	165	3,425
Patna ...	Patna	111	...	366	477	414	50	62	...	132	658
	Gaya	...	...	...	...	...	83	105	...	122	309
	Shahabad	23	...	...	23	...	...	1	...	1	2
	Darbhanga	395	...	...	395	...	15	20	...	3	38
	Muzaffarpur	...	...	...	..	...	...	9	...	47	56
	Saran	640	...	...	640	...	632	43	...		675
	Champaran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur	Monghyr	387	...	...	387	...	...	85	...	6	91
	Bhagalpur	4,375	...	...	4,375	...	...	...	...	250	250
	Purnea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	75
	Malda	184	...	...	184	...	..	409	...	...	409
	Sonthal Parganas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orissa ..	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15
	Puri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
	Balasore	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
Chota Nagpur.	Hazáribágh	25	...	...	25	...	9	...	...	...	9
	Lohardaga	50	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Manbhum	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Singbhum	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Palámau	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Total ...	29,629	...	702	30,331	8,107	3,706	7,685	4,732	2,772	27,002

F.

Statement shewing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments, from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.

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G.

General Abstract Statement shewing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on 1st April 1892.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1891.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.			Total.			Realized during 1891-92.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	461	..	..	484	8	36	847	8	36	316	8	36	511	..	..	57	..	..	454	..	..
	Bankura	4,255	1 648	96	42	223	39	4,297	1,871	135	175	16	26	4,122	1,855	109	204	16	..	3,918	1,839	109
	Birbhum	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	13
	Midnapore	440	..	197	262	21	25	702	21	222	513	21	21	189	..	201	7	..	..	182	..	201
	Hooghly	1,254	3	21	1,589	61	33	2,842	64	59	1,314	64	54	1,528	..	5	..	..	..	1,528	..	5
Presidency	24-Parganas	1,385	..	5	5,174	404	390	6,559	404	395	5,436	404	328	1,123	..	67	..	..	..	1,123	..	67
	Khulna	1	..	136	..	..	142	1	..	278	..	..	187	1	..	91	..	..	..	1	..	91
	Nadia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Jessore	791	..	6	36	..	23	827	..	29	135	..	15	692	..	14	..	..	..	692	..	14
	Murshidabad	3,714	..	1,405	..	..	546	3,714	..	1,951	2,100	..	..	1,614	..	1,951	282	..	1,405	1,332	..	546
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
	Rajshahi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rangpur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Bogra	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Pabna	..	202	1,550	..	43	148	..	245	1,698	..	180	808	..	65	890	139	..	..	..	65	890
	Darjeeling	139	..	..	..	..	..	139	..	..	..	..	..	139	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Jalpaiguri	493	8	6	..	2	15	493	10	21	68	..	15	425	10	6	..	..	..	425	10	6
Dacca	Dacca	(a)936	..	(a)1,375	62	..	504	998	..	1,879	510	..	306	488	..	1,573	..	..	..	488	..	1,573
	Faridpur	818	..	29	104	..	..	722	..	29	104	..	..	618	..	29	12	..	..	606	..	29
	Backergunge	(b)144	..	..	278	..	..	322	..	..	35	..	..	287	..	..	..	..	..	287	..	..
	Mymensingh	1,681	253	57	1,567	120	36	3,248	373	93	1,871	259	84	1,377	114	9	..	..	..	1,377	114	9
Chittagong	Tippera	3,949	545	113	64	198	406	4,015	741	519	3,842	713	111	173	28	408	51	5	..	122	23	406
	Noakhali	(c)1,262	..	3	501	19	72	1,763	19	75	742	19	75	1,021	..	..	..	..	..	1,021	..	..
	Chittagong	(d)2,485	(d)6	37	1,836	71	151	4,321	77	188	2,[illegible]	63	133	1,673	14	55	..	..	..	1,673	14	53
Patna	Patna	339	..	12	428	..	..	767	..	12	477	..	..	290	..	12	11	..	..	279	..	12
	Gaya	68	42	97	350	14	..	418	56	97	..	..	..	418	56	97	..	..	..	418	56	97
	Shahabad	407	..	..	10	1	4	417	1	4	18	1	4	399	..	..	224	..	..	175	..	..
	Darbhanga	1,014	..	48	333	..	63	1,347	..	111	332	..	63	1,015	..	48	..	..	..	1,015	..	48
	Muzaffarpur	..	..	..	14	1	2	14	1	2	..	..	..	14	1	2	..	..	..	14	1	2
	Saran	848	499	65	1,195	76	21	2,043	575	86	375	192	74	1,668	383	12	..	78	..	1,668	305	12
	Champaran	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bhagalpur	Monghyr	197	..	7	1,060	..	56	1,257	..	63	331	..	56	926	..	7	..	..	..	926	..	7
	Bhagalpur	..	..	..	6,549	243	250	6,549	243	250	4,049	201	125	2,500	42	125	..	..	..	2,500	42	125
	Purnea	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Malda	434	..	..	183	1	..	617	1	..	183	..	..	434	..	..	..	..	..	434	..	..
	Sonthal Parganas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orissa	Cuttack	13	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..
	Puri	..	..	529	..	..	..	..	..	529	..	..	..	..	..	529	..	..	..	..	..	529
	Balasore	(e)..	..	(e) ..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Chota Nagpur	Hazaribagh	1	..	..	..	..	25	1	..	25	..	..	25	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	Lohardaga	34	5	4	..	7	..	34	12	4	34	12	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Manbhum	477	336	..	..	..	..	477	336	..	..	..	..	477	336	..	..	..	..	477	336	..
	Singbhum	10	..	5	..	..	..	10	..	5	..	..	..	10	..	5	..	..	..	10	..	5
	Palamau	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total	27,650	3,547	5,822	22,124	1,511	2,994	49,774	5,058	8,816	25,628	2,154	2,550	24,146	2,904	6,266	987	99	1,405	23,159	2,805	4,861

(a) The difference is owing to certain sums not having been included in the last year's statement by mistake.
(b) This amount was shewn by mistake under heading Cost in the last year's statement.
(c) The difference of Rs. 3 is owing to a mistake in the Collector's return of the last year.
(d) The discrepancies are owing to one case having been struck off the statement on account of its being decided against Government on appeal.
(e) The large sums shewn as outstanding in the last year's return have been written off, the cases having been decided against Government on appeal.

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General Abstract Statement shewing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1892.

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General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which the Court of Wards is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1891-92.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1891.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.					Total decided.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1892.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1891.	Number of appeals instituted from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.					Total decided.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1892.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
				In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.							In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.			
				Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.					Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.			
High Court ...	... (a)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	23	39	...	11	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	17	22	1
Burdwan	40	287	327	218	2	33	2	2	1	16	2	276	51	12	3	15	6	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	2
Bankura	11	31	42	20	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	23	19	2	6	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	...
Birbhum ...	1	17	18	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	13	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore ...	10	37	47	13	12	...	10	1	...	..	..	36	11	1	4	5	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	..	5	..	...
Hooghly	32	263	295	245	4	14	1	1	...	4	...	269	26	4	7	11	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	9	2	2
Jessore	3	70	73	65	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	69	4	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Khulna	12	7	19	1	10	1	...	...	1	...	...	13	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Murshidabad ...	...	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nadia	5	15	20	13	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	18	2	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
24-Parganas ...	5	22	27	5	1	1	3	1	2	...	...	13	14	3	...	3	..	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1
Bogra	...	3	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	..	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling ...	... (b)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur ...	5	18	23	10	...	...	..	...	...	13	...	23	...	7	...	7	4	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	1
Jalpaiguri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Pabna	1	15	16	3	3	...	4	...	...	1	...	11	5	3	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1
Rajshahi	1	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangpur	...	18	18	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	6	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Backergunge ...	2	2	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	Statement not received.																												
Faridpur	...	2	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	.	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Mymensingh ...	Statement not received.																												
Chittagong ...	8	9	17	6	1	...	5	...	...	...	1	13	4	3	1	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...
Noakhali	5	41	46	31	5	5	2	...	1	...	...	44	2	3	5	8	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	7	1	2
Tippera	19	24	43	8	11	...	1	...	8	...	1	29	14	3	2	5	1	...	...	1	...	...	. .	...	...	...	2	3	...
Champaran ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darbhanga ...	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaya	16	59	75	26	7	8	5	1	...	1	...	48	27	4	10	23	5	1	2	.	..	1	...	...	...	...	9	14	2
Muzaffarpur ...	2	14	16	2	...	...	2	..	...	...	..	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	1	2	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	..
Saran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	3	27	30	20	3	...	3	...	1	...	..	27	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhágalpur ...	Statement not received from the Srinagar Manager Estate since released.																												
Malda	...	..	...	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	5	3	8	2	2	..	...	...		2	1	7	1	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea	Statement not received from the Srinagar Manager. Estate since released.																												
Sonthal Parganas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..		...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Balasore	...	6	6	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	..	...	...	..	...	...		..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	...	6	6	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puri	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazáribágh ...	13 (b)	51	64	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	18	...	...	...	...	.	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	. .
Lohardaga ...	13	2	15	8	1	5	1	...	...	...	...	15	...	15	4	19	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	14	..
Manbhum ...	5	4	9	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	6	1	...	1	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	1	..
Singhbhum ...	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palámau ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Total ...	218	1,070	1,288	779	68	69	48	7	15	38	6	1,080	258	78	81	159	23	33	12	10	1	1	..	2	5	1	68	71	12

(a) The difference of one case is owing to the Burdwan Raj not having appeared in it.
(b) The difference is owing to an estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.

J.

Statement shewing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by the Court of Wards under decrees of Court from 1*st April* 1891 *to* 31*st March* 1892.

Districts.	Names of Estates.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan Raj estate ...	57,367	...	14,60 5	71,972	12,003	13,247	400	...	3,101	28,751
Midnapore	Belki estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	83	...	...	...	83
	Beluria ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Seraberia ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pathra ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Tarkua ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Malighati ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Khettrohat ,, ...	Ditto.									
	Basudebpore ,, ...	1,522	...	...	1,522	...	...	...	...	504	504
	Barutter Hinglee ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nayagram ,, ...	25	...	...	25	...	268	...	...	...	268
	Moheshpore ,, ...	424	...	...	424	...	...	...	...	281	281
	Total ...	1,971	...	...	1,971	...	351	...		785	1,136
Murshidabad.	Nashipore estate (mal.)	Released.									
	Ditto (debottar)										
	Cassimbazar (A. N. Roy's) estate.	645	...	...	645	183	7,357	88	...	1,950	9,578
	Sydabad estate	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
Khulna ...	Syudpore Trust estate...	599	...	...	599	55	...	960	...	...	1,01
24-Parganas	Baranagore estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Bhawánipur (B. P. Roy's) estate.	2,388	28,423	...	30,811	...	.	...	...	8,477	8, 477
	Joynagore estate .	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Dinajpur	Haripore estate ...	Released.									
	Sunkerpore ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Maldwar ,, .	42	...	...	42	...	61	...	...	5	66
	Total ..	...	...	...	...	.		...	...	..	
Rangpur	Burdhankotee estate .	...	...	..	...	10	...	...	12	22	
	Rahamatpore ,, ...	15,701	...	...	15,701	260	...	...	...	260	
	I. C. Roy's Trust ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Tepa ,, ...	24	.	...	24	...	200	...	2,050	...	2,250
	Total ...	15,725	...	...	15,725	..	470	...	2,050	12	2,532
Rajshahi	Dighapatea estate (eldest ward).	32,698	...	30	32,698	4,848	3,674	2,692	...	20	11,434
	Dighapatea estate (three younger wards).	16,902	...	...	16,902	4,800	957	25	...	...	5,782
	Total ...	49,570	...	30	49,600	9,648	4,631	2,717	...	20	17,216
Jalpaiguri	Pudmabati estate ...	Statement not received.									
Mymensingh.	Dhunkurah estate ...	(Released.)									
	Pogose										
	Hurro Gobind Lushkor's estate.	Statements not received.									
	Total ...	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...
Backergunge.	Taruk Kumar Chukerbutty's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bepin Behary Das' estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Naba Durga Debya's estate.	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Dakhin Shahbázpur estate.	...	...	4,419	4,419	85	209	12	...	...	306
	Total ...	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Chittagong	Hedait Ali Chowdhury's estate.	Statement not received.									
	Magan Das Roy's estate	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	25
	Jogesh Chundra Roy's estate.	16	...	...	16	...	42	...	...	...	42
	Raj Kisson Banerjee's estate.	23	...	...	232	...	6	...	...	...	6
	Salamat Ally Khan's estate.	179	...	2	181	...	26	...	...	...	
	Abdul Fateh Khan's estate.	5	...	...	5	...	22	...	...	...	22
	Latifa Khatoon's estate	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	20
	Raja Harish Chandra Roy's estate.	Statements not received.									
	Mong Raja Keoja Phru										
	Total ...	432	...	2	434	...	141	...	...	...	141

Districts.	Names of Estates.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Noakhali	G. K. Mazumdar and Shoshi Mukhi's estate.	174	..	..	174	...	67	..	...	10	77
	Courjon estate . .	159	...	264	423	...	942	58	...	103	1,103
	Panamnah's estate	Statement not received.									
	Bhobonjoy Shaha's estate.	321	...	355	676	...	492	214	...	315	1,021
	Total ...	654	...	619	1,273	...	1,501	272	...	428	2,201
Darbhanga...	Nurhan estate	Statement not received.									
Hahabad...	Deo Kumar and Dharam Kumar's estate.	1,450	...	..	1,450	43	816	40	...	...	899
	Chand estate of Hurbans Narayan Sing	Statement not received.									
	Subar estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...
Patna ...	Bhagwant Narayan Singh's estate.	Statement not received.									
	Sukraj Roy's estate	506	...	...	560	(a) ...	(a) .	(a) ...	(a) ...	(a) ...	(a) ...
	Kuer Bhugwut Prosad's estate.	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya ...	Tikari estate	41,320	9,422	...	50,742	1,271	7,506	498	...	282	9,557
	Deo Raj ,, ...	172	...	...	172	...	1,015	2,632	...	...	3,647
	Total ...	41,492	9,422	...	50,914	1,271	8,521	3,130	...	282	13,204
Bhágalpur	Lugmah estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Srinagar ,, ...	(Released.)									
	Total ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	Kanika estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puri ...	Ward's estates	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...
Balasore ...	Jamkunda estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
	Shahabundar ,, ...	327	...	...	327	.	1,497	229	...	140	1,866
Manbhum ...	Jhalda estate	57	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jharia ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	91	...	...	...	91
	Begoonkoodar estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	196	...	...	...	196
	Nagarkeari ,, ...	123	...	...	123	...	28	...	...	.	28
	Total ...	180	...	...	180	...	315	...	...	...	315
Lohardaga ...	Punjrikallan estate ...	Statement not received.									
Hazáribágh	Dhunwar estate... ...	...	...	129	129	...	...	...	...	1,766	1,766
	Satgaon and other encumbered estates.	...	...	...	...	...	268	...	...	846	1,114
	Total ...	...	..	129	129	...	268	..	...	2,612	2,880
	Grand Total ...	1,73,348	37,845	19,804	2,31,997	23,288	39,585	7,848	2,050	17,812	90,583

(a) The details of the expenditure have not been given.

General Abstract Statement shewing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of the Court of

Divisions.	Districts.	Names of Estates.	Outstanding on the 1st of April 1891.			Awarded in favour of the Court of Wards from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.			Total.		
			Principal	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Burdwan ..	Burdwan Raj estate	2,17,791	45,584	12,407	73,194	17,458	13,401	2,90,585	63,042	25,808
	Midnapore ...	Belki estate ..	...	...	...	750		6	750	...	6
		Beluria ,, .	Statement not received.								
		Boraberia ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Pathra ,, ...	...	..	...		...		..	...	..
		Iarkua ,, ..	10	..	...	329	..	18	339	...	18
		Malighati ,, ...	Statements not received.								
		Khetrohat ,, ...									
		Basudebpore ,, ...	10,581	2,543	1,076	...	516	24	10,581	3,059	1,100
		Barutter Hinglee ,, ..						...			
		Navagram ,, ...	6,126	1,172	298	124	60	25	6,250	1,232	323
		Mohoshpur ,, ...	815	30	.	47	3	26	862	33	26
		Total ..	17,532	3,745	1,374	1,250	579	99	18,782	4,324	1,473
Presidency.	Murshidabad	Nashipore estate (mal)	Released.								
		Ditto, do. (debettur).									
		Cassimbazar (A. N. Roy's) estate.	3,819	460	271	551	104	72	4,370	573	303
		Sydabad estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Total ..	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	..	...
	Khulna ..	Syudpore Trust estate	...	...	(a) 614			291	..	..	905
	24-Parganas ...	Baranagore estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Bhawánipur (Borada Prosad Roy's) estate.	(b) 41,743	(b) 1,729	(b) 1,391	1,861	9,958	562	43,604	11,087	1,953
		Joynagore estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...
Rajshahi.	Dinajpur ...	Haripur estate ...	Released.								
		Sunkerpur ,, ..	..	..	..	...	..	...	.	...	..
		Maldwar ,, ...	1,188	74	387	63	9	50	1,251	83	439
		Total ...	...	...	..	...	...		...	...	...
	Rangpur ..	Burdhankotee estate ..	..	...	...	258	6	10	258	6	10
		Rahamatpur ,, ...	277	..	51	26,108	3,293	366	10,385	3,293	417
		I. C Roy's Trust ,, ...	Statement not received.								
		Tepa estate	.	...	...	1,197	25	117	1,197	25	117
		Total ...	277	...	51	17,563	3,324	493	17,840	3,324	544
	Rajshahi ...	Dighaputea estate (eldest ward).	39,026 (c)	8,244 (c)	4,712 (c)	14,571	449	622	53,597	8,093	5,334
		Dighaputea estate (three younger wards).	77,733	19,835	12,086	8,527	24	184	86,260	19,859	12,270
		Total ...	1,16,759	28,079	16,798	23,098	473	806	1,39,857	28,952	17,604
	Jalpaiguri ..	Pudmabati estate ...	Statement not received.								
Dacca.	Mymensingh ..	Dhunkurah estate ...	Released.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..
		Pogose estate	Statement not received.								
		Hurro Gobind Lushkor's estate.									
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	...

(a) The figures shown in the last year' statement
(b) The difference is owing partly to the addition of the value of certain old
(c) These figures do not agree with the balance shewn in last year's

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st of April 1892.

Realized during 1891-92.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
51,554	10,340	10,078	2,39,031	52,702	15,730	57,714	21,882	1,296	1,81,317	30,820	14,434
...	...	...	750	...	6	...	...	...	750	...	6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	339	...	18	...	...	...	339	...	18
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
882	570	100	9,729	2,489	1,000	3,278	1,838	...	6,451	651	1,000
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	..	...	6,225	1,232	323	1,153	615	23	5,072	617	300
394	30	...	468	3	26	421	...	...	47	3	26
1,271	600	100	17,511	3,724	1,373	4,852	2,453	23	12,659	1,271	1,350
580	24	41	3,790	549	322	2,064	393	278	1,726	156	44
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	599	...	...	300	...	...	110	...	...	196
21,104	9,558	149	22,500	2,139	1,804	2,312	302	96	20,188	1,837	1,706
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	42	1,251	83	395	...	...	...	1,251	83	395
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	258	6	10	...	...	...	258	6	10
13,368	2,201	132	3,017	1,092	285	...	...	...	3,017	1,092	285
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	...	...	1,173	25	117	..	...	...	1,173	25	117
13,392	2,210	132	4,448	1,123	412	...	...	...	4,448	1,123	412
25,285	5,541	1,872	28,112	3,152	3,462	14,147	3,012	374	14,165	140	2,588
16,515	200	187	69,745	19,659	12,083	...	...	...	69,745	19,659	12,083
41,800	5,741	2,059	98,057	22,811	15,545	14,147	3,012	374	83,910	19,799	14,671
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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were wrong.
decrees and partly to the transfer of Rs. 1,519 and Rs. 1,704 from "Interest" and "Cost" to "Principal."
return. The Manager explains that a decree was erroneously shewn as realized, but it was actually not so.

Divisions.	Districts.	Names of Estates.	Outstanding on 1st April 1890.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1890 to 31st March 1891.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Dacca—concld.	Backergunge ...	Tarak Kumar Chukerbutty's estate.	...	.	...	..	.	...	..	...	...
		Bepin Behary Das' estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...
		Naba Durga Debya's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	.	...		..
		Dakhin Shahbázpur estate.	25,889	18,927	3,994	...	1,982	200	25,889	20,909	4,194
		Total ..	25,889	18,927	3,994		1,982	200	25,889	20,900	4,194
Chittagong.	Chittagong ..	Hedait Ally Chowdhury's estate.	Statement not received.								
		Magan Das Roy's estate.	40	38	44	213	6	16	253	44	60
		Jogesh Chandra Roy's estate.	...	...	7	18	2	5	18	2	12
		Rajkisson Banerjee's estate.	4	...	2	212	4	10	216	4	12
		Salamat Ally Khan's estate.	238	2	9	3	14	5	241	16	14
		Abdul Fateh Khan's estate.	120	3	2	39	1	1	159	4	3
		Latifa Khatoon's estate.	...	...	..	203	1	3	208	1	3
		Raja Harish Chandra Roy's estate.	Statements not received.								
		Mong Raja Keoja Phru									
		Total ...	402	43	64	693	28	40	1,095	71	104
	Noakhali ...	G. K. Mozumdar and Shoshi Mukhi's estate.	22	46	46	94	15	65	116	61	111
		Courjon estate ...	..	..	(a) 342	..	8	99	...	8	441
		Panamcah's estate	Statement not received.								
		Bhobonjoy Shaha's estate.	4,128	848	525	500	70	442	4,628	918	967
		Total ..	4,150	894	913	594	93	606	4,744	987	1,519
Patna.	Darbhanga ...	Nurhan estate	Statement not received.								
	Shahabad ...	Deo Kumar and Dharam Kumar's estate	(b) 26,161	(b) 5,807	(b) 11,905	2,637	311	417	28,798	6,118	12,322
		Chand estate of Hurbans Narayan Singh.	Statement not received.								
		Sabar estate ..	...	...	...	..	...		...	...	.
		Total ..	26,161	5,807	11,905	2,637	311	417	28,798	6,118	12,322
	Patna ...	Bhagwant Narayan Singh's estate.	Statement not received.								
		Sukhraj Roy's estate	(c) 22,782	(c) 1,858	(c) 56	13,918	1,129	106	36,700	2,987	162
		Kuer Bhugwat Prosad's estate.	Statement not received.								
		Total ...	22,782	1,858	56	13,918	1,129	106	36,700	2,987	162
	Gaya ...	Tikari estate ..	(d) 1,53,774	(d) 21,482	(d) 7,578	50,975	7,125	616	204,749	28,607	8,194
		Deo Raj ,, ...	..		406	..	..				406
		Total ..	1,53,774	21,482	7,984	50,975	7,125	616	204,749	28,607	8,600
Bhágalpur.	Bhágalpur ..	Lugma estate ..	Statement not received. (Released).								
		Srinuggur estate ..									
Orissa.	Cuttack ..	Kanika estate ...	.	..	...	.	...		..	...	..
	Puri ...	Wards' estates ..	...	...	25		.	...	...	.	25
	Balasore ...	Jamkunda estate ..	11	2	4	2	3	3	11	4	7
		Shahabunda estate ...	14,917	717	1,348	5,526	161	353	20,445	878	1,701
		Total ...	14,928	719	1,352	5,528	164	356	20,456	882	1,708
Chota Nagpur.	Manbhum	Jhalda estate ..	175	7	30	...	...	...	175	7	30
		Jharia estate ..	5	...	.	...	...	..	5	...	...
		Regoonkoodar estate	507	50	16	..	...	...	507	50	16
		Nagarkeari estate ...	...	...	...	160		3	160		3
		Total ..	687	57	46	160	.	3	847	57	49
	Lohardaga ...	Punjrikallan estate ..	Statement not received.								
	Hazáribágh ...	Dhunwar estate ...	634	319	729	289	1	244	9 3	320	973
		Satgaon and other encumbered estates.	511	...	...	3,084	...	453	3,595	...	453
		Total ...	1,145	319	729	3,373	1	697	4,518	320	1,426
		Grand Total ...	6,48,627	1,29,786	60,281	1,95,458	42,737	18,815	8,44,085	1,72,523	79,096

(a) The difference is due to the exclusion of Rs. 23, which was wrongly shewn
(b) In the last year's statement the figures were, 43,045. 5,850, and
(c) These figures do not agree with those shewn as outstanding in
(d) The difference between these figures and those shewn as outstanding

Realized during 1890-91.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
2,116	1,107	1,196	23,773	19,802	2,998	12,208	6,821	1,075	11,565	12,981	1,923
2,116	1,107	1,196	23,773	19,802	2,998	12,208	6,821	1,075	11,565	12,981	1,923
...	...	...	253	44	60	40	38	44	213	6	16
10	2	4	8		8	...	...	...	8	...	8
216	4	12	...	.	...	...	..	...	...		...
156	14	11	75	2	3	66	...	...	19	2	3
4	...	1	155	4	2	...	...	...	155	4	2
...	...	...	208	1	3	...	...	...	208	1	3
396	20	28	709	51	76	106	38	44	603	13	32
94	15	65	22	46	46	...	16	16	22	30	30
...	8	415	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	26
345	106	225	4,283	812	742	...	...	...	4,283	812	742
439	129	705	4,305	858	768	...	16	16	4,305	842	798
1,450	...	...	27,348	6,118	12,222	230	...	...	27,118	6,118	12,223
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	...	...
1,450	...	.	27,348	6,118	12,222	230	...	...	27,118	6,118	12,223
418	27	61	36,282	2,960	101	67	...	1	36,215	2,960	100
418	27	61	36,282	2,960	101	67	...	1	36,215	2,960	100
46,554	3,198	990	1,58,195	25,409	7,204	22,863	4,961	941	1,35,332	20,428	6,263
...	...	172	...	...	234	...	...	8	...	...	226
46,554	3,198	1,162	1,58,195	25,409	7,438	22,863	4,961	949	1,35,332	20,428	6,489
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	25
.	...	...	11	4	7	...	...	...	11	4	7
223	50	45	20,222	819	1,656	...	...		20,222	819	1,656
223	50	45	20,233	823	1,663	...	...	...	20,238	823	1,663
57	...	...	118	7	30	...	.	...	118	7	30
...	...	..	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
.	...	...	507	50	16	...	...	...	507	50	16
123	...	...	37	...	3	...	...	...	37	...	3
180	...	...	667	57	49	...	...	...	667	57	49
82	12	35	841	308	938	112	70	233	729	238	705
...	...	...	3,595	...	453	...	...	...	3,595	...	453
82	12	35	4,436	308	1,391	112	70	233	4,324	238	1,158
1,81,549	33,016	10,483	6,62,536	1,39,507	62,664	1,16,675	39,968	4,995	5,45,861	99,539	57,669

in the last year's statement.
11,717; but the discrepancies have not been explained by the Manager.
the last year's return, and no explanation has been offered.
at the close of the last year has not been explained by the Manager.

General Abstract Statement shewing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in Pauper Suits was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1892.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1891.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1891 to 31st March 1892.			Total.			Realized during 1891-92.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	
		Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan ...	328	..	..	32	..	..	354	..	..	32	..	..	322	..	..	..	..	..	322	..	..	91
	Bankura ..	782	7	29	622	2	36	1,404	9	65	322	..	21	1,082	9	44	212	9	15	870	..	29	..
	Birbhum ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
	Midnapore ...	13,404	..	277	3 242	..	135	16,646	..	412	3,295	..	67	13,351	..	345	..	..	..	13,351	..	345	168
	Hooghly ...	6,880	..	35	2,262	..	84	7,142	..	119	967	..	12	6,175	..	107	151	..	..	6,024	..	107	35
Presidency	24-Parganas ...	6,093	..	127	3,509	..	34	9,602	..	161	1,253	..	..	8,349	..	161	4,077	..	..	4,272	..	161	136
	Nadia ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
	Jessore ...	2,137	..	16	1,544	..	26	3,681	..	42	133	..	11	3,548	..	31	..	..	..	3,548	..	31	26
	Khulna ..	2,014	..	87	45	..	12	2,059	..	99	79	..	39	1,980	..	60	253	..	26	1,727	..	34	..
	Murshidabad	Statement not received.																					
Rajshahi	Rajshahi ...	1,904	..	..	743	..	..	2,697	..	..	703	..	..	1,994	..	..	..	..	..	1,994	..	..	..
	Dinajpur ...	78	..	..	..	..	..	78	..	..	2	..	..	76	..	..	..	..	..	76	..	..	..
	Rangpur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Pabna .	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	..	33	..	..	..	..
	Bogra ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Darjeeling ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Julpaiguri ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dacca	Dacca ...	6,553	..	(a)253	3,523	..	40	10,076	..	293	717	..	..	9,359	..	293	..	..	..	9,359	..	293	42
	Faridpur ...	784	..	..	..	47	..	788	47	..	101	47	..	687	..	..	..	..	..	687	..	..	61
	Backergunge	1,350	..	13	580	..	..	1,880	..	13	158	..	..	1,722	..	13	138	..	..	1,584	..	13	..
	Mymensingh	549	..	10	162	..	14	711	..	24	27	..	7	684	..	17	..	..	..	684	..	17	14
Chittagong	Chittagong ...	92	..	1	8	..	13	100	..	14	44	..	12	56	..	2	..	..	..	56	..	2	9
	Noakhali ..	252	..	20	479	..	7	731	..	27	366	..	27	365	..	..	..	..	..	365	..	..	24
	Tippera ...	403	..	12	200	..	3	603	..	15	114	..	..	489	..	15	262	..	15	227	..	..	13
Patna	Patna	5,364	..	..	149	..	6	5,513	..	6	324	..	6	5,189	..	..	2,678	..	..	2,511	..	..	..
	Gaya ..	5,814	52	103	200	..	..	6,014	52	103	..	..	..	6,014	52	103	2,073	52	47	3,941	..	56	5
	Shahabad ..	1,420	..	21	790	..	4	2,210	..	25	19	..	4	2,191	..	21	1,037	..	21	1,154	..	..	1
	Muzaffarpur..	(b) 334	..	(b) 27	..	..	17	336	..	44	8	..	..	328	..	44	216	..	12	112	..	32	10
	Darbhanga ...	1,923	..	85	..	..	..	1,923	..	85	684	..	35	1,239	..	50	..	..	..	1,239	..	50	20
	Saran ..	..	..	47	..	..	27	..	..	74	..	..	45	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	29	..
	Champaran ..	..	..	..	56	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	..	56	..	..	7
Bhagalpur	Bhágalpur ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Monghyr ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Purnea ...	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	..	54	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
	Malda	(c) 184	..	(c)...	116	..	..	300	..	..	13	..	..	287	..	..	129	..	..	158	..	..	
	Sonthal Parganas.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orissa	Cuttack ...	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Puri .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Balasore ...	37	..	719	..	..	..	37	..	719	..	..	..	37	..	719	37	..	..	..	..	719	..
Chota Nagpur.	Hazaribagh ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Lohardaga ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Palámau ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Manbhum ...	2,053	..	32	673	..	..	2,726	..	32	36	..	..	2,690	..	33	..	..	..	2,690	..	32	..
	Singhbhum ...	38	..	1	..	..	..	38	..	1	..	..	..	38	..	1	38	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Total ...	58,836	59	2,002	18,885	49	458	77,711	108	2,460	9,397	47	340	68,314	61	2,120	11,307	61	170	57,007	..	1,950	736

(a) The difference is owing to a mistake in the Collector's return of last year.
(b) The difference is nominal. Rs. 36 was in advertently shewn under heading "Cost" in last year's statement.
(c) The difference is owing to the cost having been included with the "principal" in last year's statement.

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READ—

The Report on the Legal Affairs of the Government of Bengal for the year 1891-92.

Read also—

The Reports for the two preceding years, and the orders of Government thereon.

The result of civil litigation in which Government was concerned during 1891-92 is summarised in the following paragraphs which are abstracted from the Legal Remembrancer's Report.

2. The two appeal cases, in one of which the Secretary of State was appellant, and in the other respondent, which were pending before the Privy Council at the close of the year 1890-91, were dismissed during the year under review. A third case, which was remanded by the Privy Council to the Court of first instance for the trial of certain issues, has come back to the High Court, and the papers will shortly be transmitted to England. Only one fresh appeal case (to which the Court of Wards is a party) has been admitted by the Council during the year.

3. The results of Government litigation in the Civil Courts in Bengal during 1891-92 are compared with those of the two preceding years in the following table:—

	Original cases.			Appeals.						Total.		
				Before High Court.			Before Lower Courts.					
	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Government	254	243	238	50	23	10	44	45	32	348	311	280
Decided against Government	51	66	76	1	3	13	6	7	7	58	76	96
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	39	57	125	5	1	7	4	1	3	48	59	135
Percentage in favour of Government (excluding cases compromised, remanded or withdrawn)	83·2	78·8	75·7	96	88·4	43·5	88	86·5	82	85·7	80·5	74·4

NOTE.—The figures for 1891-92 do not include those for the district of Bhagalpur, which were not received when the Legal Remembrancer's report was written.

4. These figures are extremely unsatisfactory, both as regards the actual unsuccess of Government litigation, and as compared with the results of previous years. It is, however, fairer to exclude land acquisition cases in which only the amount of compensation, and not any principle of law or equity, is involved. Leaving these out of consideration, the percentage of original cases decided in favour of Government was 72 against 76·9 in 1890-91 and 81·5 in 1889-90. Of the 13 appeals decided by the High Court against Government during the past year, three were land acquisition cases, but omitting these there is still a very serious decrease in the percentage of suits decided in favour of Government. The information given in the Legal Remembrancer's report regarding the remaining ten unsuccessful appeal cases in the High Court is very meagre, and regarding the seven appeal cases before Lower Courts, in which Government was unsuccessful, no information at all is given. The result of Government litigation is in almost every detail worse than in the two preceding years, and this fact creates the impression that Government is not well advised by its experts.

5. The following statement shows the result of the litigation in which the Court of Wards was concerned during the past year, as compared with the two previous years:—

	Total number of cases.		
	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	604	711	903
Decided against Court of Wards ...	62	97	139
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	54	30	76
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards (excluding cases compromised, remanded or withdrawn).	90·6	88	86·6

NOTE.—The figures for 1891-92 do not include those of certain estates in the districts of Dacca, Mymensingh, Bhagalpur and Purnea.

6. The great increase in the number of cases decided during 1891-92 over the figures for the two previous years is said to be mainly due to the institution of a large number of rent suits on behalf of the Burdwan Raj in the Burdwan and Hooghly districts. Of 18 unsuccessful appeals in the Lower Courts five were conducted with the sanction and advice of the Legal Remembrancer's Office; the remainder, which were all rent suits and settlement appeals, were conducted by the Managers with the advice of the local officers. Out of 117 original cases which were decided against the Court of Wards, 104 were not reported to the Legal Remembrancer. Only one of these suits, viz., that of Kameswar Prasad *versus* Raja Bhiman Narayan and the Deo Raj Estate for the recovery of Rs. 32,106, is reported to have been of any importance. This case was decided in favour of the plaintiff, subject to the provisions of the Chota Nagpur Encumbered Estates Act, and both parties have appealed against the decision.

7. The subjoined table shows the amounts recovered under decrees in favour of Government during the year 1891-92 and the two preceding years :—

	1889-90.	1890 91.	1891-92.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	55,247	61,231	63,648
Amount realized during the year	11,659	14,790	30,332
Percentage of recovery ...	21·1	24·1	47·7

This shows a considerable improvement both in the actual amounts realized and in the proportion of realizations to outstandings. About Rs. 2,500 were remitted during 1891-92, and, under the orders of Government, execution proceedings against one Ashutosh Ghosh, from whom upwards of Rs. 5,400 was due on account of costs in a suit, were abandoned.

8. The figures below represent the amount recovered on account of Wards' Estates during the year as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	11,74,880	11,92,016	10,95,704
Amount realized during the year	2,15,720	1,54,504	2,30,997
Percentage of recovery ...	18·3	13	21

Here also there was an improvement in the amount and proportion of realizations, but nothing could really be worse than the large outstandings which are shown to exist in this department in almost every estate. Thus in the Burdwan Raj Estate, out of Rs. 2,26,571 due to the estate, Rs. 80,892 have been remitted, and a large portion of the balance is said to be irrecoverable. In the Tikari Estate, out of Rs. 1,62,023 which have been decreed, more than Rs. 1,26,000 appear to be irrecoverable. In the Dighaputia Estate Rs. 50,000 are irrecoverable out of Rs. 1,18,380. In the Deo Kumar and Dharm Kumar Estate, the whole amount due, Rs. 45,458, is said to be irrecoverable. In the Dakhin Shahbazpur Estate Rs 22,812, out of Rs. 26,469, are irrecoverable. Such results would seem to show that in these Court of Wards cases the time of the officials must have been wasted, and large sums of money spent in obtaining decrees which were mere waste paper. The attention of the Board of Revenue will be invited to this matter.

9. The Lieutenant-Governor regrets to say that he cannot consider the present report to be a satisfactory one, either as to the facts it narrates, or as to

the manner in which those facts are presented. As regards the actual facts of litigation, the only satisfactory feature in the report is the improvement in the realization of Government decrees mentioned in paragraph 7. As regards the mode in which the information is presented, Sir Charles Elliott begs that the Legal Remembrancer will in future be guided by three principles.

First, in appeal cases, in which Government is the respondent, the fact that the Government claim has been upheld in a Lower Court raises the presumption that it was a reasonable claim, but where Government is appellant and is unsuccessful, there is *primâ facie* reason to hold that the judgment of the Lower Court was right, that the Government claim was untenable, and that Government was ill-advised in appealing. His Honour desires that in future reports cases of this class may be specified, and a brief account given of each case, as well as information as to what officer advised the appeal and on what grounds. These orders apply also to cases in which the Court of Wards is concerned.

The second principle is that in reporting the result of suits some distinction should be made between unfavourable decisions based on equitable and on technical grounds. When Government fails on purely technical grounds, no administrative discredit is incurred; but it is discreditable to the administration that Government should have sued on any claim in which failure on equitable grounds actually occurs, or was antecedently probable, and it is desirable that such cases should be the subject of a special narrative.

10. In the third place the Lieutenant-Governor desires to point out that the Legal Remembrancer's report should be of such a nature that it may with advantage be circulated to officials in different departments of Government, in order to make known to them the effect of judicial decisions which ought to govern their conduct in matters in which they have gone, or are liable to go, astray. The present report is, however, useless for any such purpose. For instance, it is stated in paragraph 18 that a large number of cases in which Government was an unsuccessful defendant were brought against the Eastern Bengal State Railway to recover damages for loss of goods sent by the Railway. If this litigation showed that there was any tendency on the part of the Railway authorities to refuse compensation unjustly or harshly, and this fact had been clearly brought out in the report, the important points of the cases being noted, the report might have been used as the medium of inculcating a lesson, and showing what view the Courts take of such cases. But no such information is given, and the mere recital of the fact that the cases were dismissed is of no use. Again, in paragraph 11 it is said that the High Court gave damages to a person who sued to make the same Railway Administration liable for the loss of certain coins and notes, though no insurance fee was paid, and the clerk had no authority to accept such articles. Stated in this bald way, the judgment would seem opposed to section 75 of the Railway Act IX of 1890, and it is very desirable that the principle involved in the judgment should be known to this railway in particular, and also to all other railways. The same remarks apply to the salt cases referred to in paragraph 10, and the limitation cases in paragraphs 12 and 13. In all these cases, Government officers appear to have taken a view of the law which was not approved by the High Court, and unless the doctrine laid down by that Court is made known to them, and to others similarly situated, they are likely to repeat their error. There is no more convenient vehicle for making these matters generally known than the Legal Remembrancer's report, if it is drawn up in accordance with these suggestions.

ORDER—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs and the Solicitor to Government for information and guidance.

Ordered also that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Revenue Department of this Government and to the Board of Revenue for information.

Ordered also that a copy of the Report and Resolution be submitted to the Government of India in the Home Department for information.

Ordered also that a copy of this Resolution be published in the *Calcutta Gazette*.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. J. S. COTTON,

Offg. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Nos. 2810-11J.

COPY of the Resolution forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs and the Solicitor to Government for information and guidance.

Nos. 2812-13J.

COPY of the Resolution forwarded to the Revenue Department of this Office and to the Board of Revenue for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. C. STREATFEILD,
Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 27th June 1892.

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